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#### WAGS By Tiller Signaled

WASHINGTON, April 23.-There is generally a story to fit any emergency and when Sam L. Rog-ers, Democrat, of North Carolina, resigned as Director of the Census, a day or so ago he found himself somewhat in the same predicament as an old colored preacher he used to know down in the Old North

State.

The resignation of Director Rogers was not demanded exactly, but the Administration rather strongly the Administration rather of Rethe Administration rather strongly hinted there were a number of Republicans out of jobs and the position of census-taker was a good berth as Government jobs go. Inasmuch as Director Rogers, who has practically completed the four-teanth decennial census, intended to leave on July 1, anyway, he informed Secretary of Commerce Hoover that he would get out of the way immediately.

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Secretary Hoover, while praising the services of Mr. Rogers accepted the resignation forthwith. In fact, Mr. Hoover had indicated it would help along the Administration if Rogers would get out and make way for some deserving Republican job hunter.

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Later, Director Rogers talked of his resignation when a fellow-Dem-ocrat asked him how it came about. "Well." said Mr. Rogers, "I feel rather like the old colored preacher who had held down the same pulpit in a rural community for many years. On two consecutive Sundays he did not deliver a ser-mon so shortly thereafter one of his churchgoers met him on the

highway and asked:
"'Rev'rend, why ain't you preaching no mo' at de Mount Zion
church?" "The old minister took off his hat, mopped his brow, scratched his head and finally replied:

"Well, brother, fact is my dea-cons done filed my resigniation for Deacon Hoover has indirectly

filed the resignation of Director, Rogers, and thus the head of one more Democratic office holder falls into the Republican basket.

At that, however, both President Harding and Secretary Hoover paid compliment to the public services of Mr. Rogers. He had performed a or Mr. Rogers. He had performed a rapid and efficient job as census-taker, and, remarkable to relate, it is promised there will actually be a refund to the Treasury out of the \$23,000,000 estimated and appropriated for the census. Mr. Rogers thinks \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 may be turned back by his successor and for once there will be no "deficiency appropriation" after-

Director Rogers left nine hundred and sixty tons of census records behind him. They are stored in Washington and regarded as invaluable. The census work is practically complete and various expert statistical organizations have accepted the data so far announced by the Census Bureau. At the peak of the census-taking work 90,000 employes in the field and in Washington were engaged. For the wind-up only a few thousand are now on the rolls.

Returning to dialect stories, that inimitable spieler of yarns—Sena-tor J. Thomas Heffin, of Alabama recently regaled the cleakrooms with a moral on military and naval

Down in Alabama, Heffin says there was an old farmer who had a jug of "moonshine" safely stowed away in the hollow of a big stump on his farm. At regular and irregu-lar intervals—according to the mood-the farmer was accustomed to go to this stump and take a good swig of liquid joy. One day our imbibing friend felt

a great thirst coming on and has-tened to the stump. He took a man's sizes drink, waited a bit for it to assert its authority and then determined to take another before

hiding the jug again.

As he raised the jug to his lips once more, and heard the gurgle of alcoholic-contents, the farmer also hear another noise—a hiss in the grass. There was beheld the upraised head of a spreading adder. Looking the snake squarely in the eye and refusing to budge an inch, the old farmer drank deep, put down the jug and addressed the reptile as

Child of Joaquin Miller Married With Weird Ceremony In California.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 23 .- "Circles PANHANDLE STATE: May 24-June 28. are circles from white heaven to hell. Perfection is knowledge that divorce, have been complete failures. all is well, but the heart of him is good enough for me." With these words on her lips, as

"Juan" slipped a gold band on her affair today united them in the sight fingers, Juanita Miller, daughter of the famous California bard, Joaquin Miller, was this afternoon wedded to John (or Ju) Miller, her "lily love," at her home, "the Heights."
The ceremony was conducted ac-May 21, July 5 cording to the old Druid customs May 28, July 13 with a glamorous outdoor party, weird and dramatic. There was no

best man and the bridesmaids were wedding for midnight in the glow of a full moon, but recently discovered that Indians worshipped the sun rather than the moon, hence the time of the ceremony was

changed. IN SCANT REGALIA.

The scene of the wedding at "The Heights," which overlooks Oakland. five counties and seven cities, ideally seclusive, was in the woods surround-ing her home. The air was brisk and slightly chilly, but Juanita in her scant wedding regalia was warmed by a huge Indian blanket draped

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"Strike, durn ye. strike; you,il never find me better prepared!" Senator Heffin thinks the story of the farmer and his "snake modi-cine" is fairly apropos as to the preparedness of nations.

Many jokes have been told about the colored soldier from the South who was drafted for service in the world war. It was an entirely new experience and adventure for thousands of these negro boys who had seldom been of their own neigh-

Congressman Tom Connally, of Texas, says he knows an officer who one day met a fleeing colored doughboy behind the battle lines in France. He was a typical Southern darky and as he ran his face and the whites of his eyes and dry tongue depicted the initial fear of

"Where are you going?" sternly demanded the white officer, as he halted the doughboy who was conducted a one-man retreat. "Boss. cap'n." panted the negro,
"Tse runnin". I jes cain't stand all
dat fuss; dey's too much shootin'
and bullets and noise for dis pore

sojer. Who is you?"
"I am Colonel Blank," severely "A colonel—a colonel!" ejaculated the surprised negro. "Lawdy, colonel, is I dat far back towards

Congressman Connally thinks this is illustrative of how some of the doughboys at the front magni-fied the distance back to regi-mental headquarters. Of course, there were numerous colonels and general in engagements, and few soldiers, white or colored, ran away from "noise and bullets," but it is a good story just the same and it might have happened and it might not. But it is bringing a laugh around where members of Congress swap yarns and experi-

Outside of his ability and geniality, Gongressman Samuel E. Wins-low, of Massachusetts, has two distinctions-he is the fattest man it Congress and the only manufac-turer of skates represented in the national legislature. Congress has claimed as members everybody from undertakers and dairymen to lawyers, "dirt farmers," but Winslow, so far as hasty examination of the record reveals is the only manufacturer of ice and roller skates to glide into the big Capitol

Congressman Winslow weighs more than 300 pounds and the cir-cumference of his bodily equator is such that an ordinary tape line will not measure him. ago Mr. Winslow sprained his ankle and joking colleagues persisted in spreading the report that he had taken a tumble while on a Winslow 'skate'-which may be interpreted in one or more ways.

Congressman James R. Mann, of Illinois, one-time Republican leader of the House and extraordinary expert on parliamentary law and practice, is a devotee of the chocolate cake. If Mr. Mann were a youngster he might be called in these modern days of soda fountain lunches a "cake-eater." However, Mr. Mann eats chocolate on fountains. When there is a fillbuster in progress, or legislation is to be closely watched, Congressman Mann foregoes lunch or dinner and sends for a piece of choco-late. This he nibbles while work-

ing away in his seat. The late Speaker Champ Clark several times referred to Mr. Mann as the most useful man in the House. This tribute from one of the opposite party came because Mr. Mann is almost a fiend for studying bills introduced. No bill, minor or great, escapes his watchful eye and no bill is called up on the floor without Mann knowing from the start that it contains a "joker," is loosely drawn, or against preced-

ent, or all right—and so on. Congressman Mann seldom leaves the floor and in the past engaged in some notable filibusters. It was then he learned to utilize chocolate as a substitute for regular food and he appears to get thrill and sustenance from eating such

from the shoulders of Juan.
The affair had attracted wide attention and was attended by 500 handle the coal they need by rail at a guests. The ceremony this afternoon saving of between \$15,000 and \$17,000 guests. The ceremony this afternoon was a confirmation of a legal ceremony which took place three months ago, when Juan and Juanita were married by a justice of the peace at Redwood City. Redwood City. FULL OF "COLOR PERIODS."

Juanita, when a baby, related in poetry that her life was destined to be cycle of "color" periods. She has experienced every period except the white episode, which she began today following her wedding. All of the other periods including the "red" episode of an unsuccessful marriage The material side of the wedding, required by civilized laws, was gone through three months ago and the of the pagan gods, in accordance with Juanita's plan of life.

Acting under instructions issued by Attorney General Alex. Armstrong. State's Attorney D. A. Wolfinger will begin at once prosecuting all person found violating the Blue Sky Law, enacted to prevent fraud in connection with the sale of "fake" stock The State's attorney has informaion that thousands of dollars' worth of valueless stock have been sold to residents of Hagerstown and this county recently. Attorney Genera' Armstrong has promised the co-operation of his department in entorcing the law

P. and L. E. Retrenching. FROSTBURG, Md., April 23.—The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad, which connects with the Western Maryland at Dickerson Run, above here, continues to reduce its force. Its most expert engineers to devise Thirty-five more foreigners have been plans for its improvement and defurioughed. Office clerks also have velopment. These tentative plans infurloughed. Office clerks also have been furloughed and a wage reduction has become effective in the car department.

These tentative plans included the use of tractors instead of nucles as motive power and the possibility of thus modernizing the facili-

CCENES on the historic Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, whose present comparative

the plans of representative Maryland and District of Columbia manufacturers and

merchants are successful. Led by Congressman Frederick N. Zihlman, of Cumberland, Md. (lower right) and aided by the entire Maryland delegation to Congress,

they are now seeking to retain the Navy Department coal-hauling contract as a

sorely-needed aid to the development of this long dormant inland waterway.

tranquility may give way to the bustle of an important transportation artery if

## Life of C. and O. Canal Is Dependent on U. S. Navy's Coal Patronage

Older than the United States, a cradle of the great after the Revolutionary War to trans-steam transportation systems of this country, but never the Atlantic Coast. itself exceptionally profitable financially, is the historic Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to emerge from the silent tomb of millions of dollars of invested funds of three great com- from this article: monwealths and the transportation dream of some of this ception in the fertile brain of George country's greatest men to become an important factor in Washington. The father of his country bad the vision of a prophet. In this nation's commercial and military warfare?

velopment.

will be decisively solved.

It will if the plans of its present operators, backed by representative commercial interests of Maryland and the District of Columbia and with ctive support of the entire Maryland delegation to Congress, are realized. And the realization of this dream, which first came to George Washing-ton, who surveyed its course from what is now the capital of this nation to Cumberland, Md., in 1784, depends years, shall be continued.

NAVY CONTRACT VITAL. The contract in question is for the ransportation of coal from the Cumberland fields to the Navy prov-ing grounds, at Indian Head. Md. About 100,000 tons of coal are transported by barge and mule each year o Washington-two-thirds of the annual coal movement in the canal-and haulsof this 100,000 tons more than half is delivered to the Navy. Thus it is learly seen how important is the coninuance of this contract as an aid to waterway if not to its actual con-

inuance in operation. In the past there has been no vigor ous attempt made by the railroad lines for whom the canal pointed the way to take this course of revenue from it. But this year there is. One railroad, the Pennsylvania, has offered a bid which is a few cents cheaper a on than the rate for which the operators of the canal estimate they can transport coal. In fact, the Navy Debe not taken from it and their efforts

for its rejuvenation nipped in the bud THINK DENBY FAVORABLE. Arguments presenting the powerful historic and sentimental appeal for the canal as well as its commercia end military importance were presented by Congressman Frederick N Zihlman, of Cumberland, Md., and other members of the Maryland delegation, in an interview with Sec etary of the Navy Denby early last week. They came away from the in erview feeling that the Navy De partment, quite likely, would modify its plans and continue to utilize the canal even if its coal from the Cumberland regions should cost a comparative trifle more as a result. Secretary Denby, they said, promised an early decision in the matter

and admitted that there was a strong istorical and sentimental reason for ncouraging the continued operation of the canal. He also acknowledged that this inland waterway would be of war-time value in the event of foreign congestion in the Eastern sec tion of the country, as it had been in the recent war. TAPS "NECK OF BOTTLE." The canal taps what was known as

"The Neck of the Bottle" during great freight congestion on the Eastrn seaboard in the early days fol owing America's entry in the great war. Not only did it offer a welcome and sorely needed auxiliary to the heavily burdened steam transports tion lines, but it was of exceptional value in the transportation of coal because it could use for its short intrastate Hauls coal tipple cars which were unfitted for interstate traffic. So well was the canal's military importance realized by the Railroad Administration during these days of stress, that the Government detailed

which had been scheduled for last March 28. Will the canal take on new military asset, or will it sink into moribund slumber? The answer right now, would seem to be up to Secre-EARLY CANAL HISTORY.

Ohio Canal Company is that of the Potomac Company, one of the first, if not the first organization formed In an article written by Briscoe

the story of the Potomac Company is well told. The following are extracts "The Potomac Company had its in

the development of the country and the building of commerce he was fully

tually limitless prospect for trade de-"The General left his home at Mount Vernon September 1, 1784, on horseback, following the course of the river and its tributaries, making a personal examination of the depths and the rapids as well as the settlements, who largely on whether a contract with that government of which he was the first head, that has been the life-blood ment give promise of good cargoes of The General returned from that preof the canal for more than twenty raw materials if not of finished prod- liminary survey October 4, being abucts in the near future provided the sent thirty-four days. facilities are obtained to handle them. 640 miles, an average of twenty miles That the canal can be effectively a day. Upon his return he immediate-modernized to handle this trade there by began the organization of a comis no doubt, friends of the canal say, and they also point to the increase "The legislatures of Maryland and of industries in the vicinity of Wash-ington as assurance that the day is 1785 to the Potomac Company and George Washington was elected its not distant when the main problem of every transportation line return first president. He was also a large

shareholder. But, back again to the pressing trouble of the moment. The present county were also stockholders and contracts for the hauling of Navy directors: Joseph Janney, Benjamin coal expire next June. The failure Shreve, George Mason, John Hough. the present ambitious plans for the of the Navy Department to renew William Brown, John Harper, Benja-commercial development of this them caused the postponement of the min Dulaney. William Ellzey and William Ellzey and opening of the canal this season Levin Powell."

# Sun, Elected President Of China, Won't Turn Down Job, Says Ma Soo

Mr. Ma Soo, publisher of The China Trade in New York, who was formerly private secretary to Dr. Sun Yatsen, when the latter was provisional president of the Republic of China, in an interview given to The Washington Times today, emphatically denied the rumor that Dr. Sun would not assume office as President of the Chinese Re-

"There is absolutely no basis for the rumor that Dr. Sun is going to abandon the presidency after he has been elected by an overwhelming manual method of the control of th been elected by an overwhelming ma-jority of the Constitutional Parlis on well until 1917; this same legal ment in Canton. I received a cable-gram from him lest night saying that a military clique in Peking under the he would be inaugurated on May 5, filmsy preto and asking me to advise the Chinese in America of the fact," said Mr. Ma Great War. filmsy pretext of military necessity when China joined the Allies in the Soo, who went on to explain that the Chinese in this country are staunch supporters of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen and his

"Dr. Sun never quits when he knows that he is in the right," continued Mr. people's parliament or merely to drag has been laboring to make firm the foundation of the Chinese Republic, te has never been known to have turned his back to any great task for the good of the Chinese people, once he set his hands to the plow," Mr. Ma Soo, told the representative of The Washington Times.

ADVOCATE OF PEACE.

Dr. Sun is essentially a man of peace-loving and unselfish nature, in the opinion of Mr. Ma Soo; after he had accomplished the preliminary spade-work in the first year of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Sun handed over the presidency to Yuan Shih-kai in order to bring about peace and

unification in the country.

It is a significant fact to note in this connection that the same Pariament that elected Yuan in 1913 has now elected Dr. Sun as President of the Chinese republic. It would be preposterous, therefore, to insinuate that Dr. Sun was elected by his own faction. He was chosen primarily by the members of the old Parliament now remained and vigor and become a live, pulsating old Parliament now remained and commercial artery and a potential out of the 220 votes cast Dr. Sun received 218, which constituted distinctly a plurality majority. again, the results of the election represented the decision of the progressive elements of China. Of course, conservatism in any country dies hard, Mr. Ma Soo continued, and pointed out the fact that the Parliament now functioning in Canton was the same that functioned

he autocratic will of Yuan Shih-kai in one year. The other bids were as

sewerage commission of Hagerstown has awarded the contract for building

canton was the same that full the control of the city sewerage in Peking at the election of Yuan Shih-kai in 1913 and decided on China entering into the war on the side of the allied countries in 1917. It was first arbitrarily dismissed by for the completion of the work with the completion of the city sewerage and because he wanted to make himself follows: William F. Cush, Washington, D. C., \$241,669.32; Frank Carozza.

When Yuan met his ignoble failure Baltimore, \$281,126.30; W. Harry in the monarchical scheme and died Angle, Hagerstown, \$203,776.

TEST FOR REPUBLIC. Now the supreme test confronting

the destiny of the Chinese Republic

is whether it is to exist with a

on a precarious existence under the whim and fancy of a few war lords like Chang Tso-lin and Tso Kun. To

maintain this people's parliament,

which has been functioning since the first year of the Republic, Dr. Sun

and the progressive elements in China have been compelled to estab-lish it in Canton, where it has been

fulfilling its responsibility to the

country from 1917 up to the present

Similarly, Mr. Ma Soo laid stress on

the abiding faith that the Chinese

people have in Dr. Sun as the leader

to bring China out of the bondage

of illegal foreign loans and the evils

that the armed politicians of Peking have wrought in the Chinese Repub-

LEADER OF PROGRESSIVES.

When asked of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's attitude toward Japan, Mr. Ma Soo de-

clared that "the progressive elements in China are anti-Japanese, and Dr. Sun is the leader of the progressives

and the war lords who depend on Tokio, for funds are amenable to Jap-

anese influence. As for the United States, Dr. Sun has the warmest friendship. But will the people of

this country accept this friendship

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